

Merry Christmas

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Briefs

Free movie on Christmas

With Christmas here, there is one final free movie showing for the holiday.

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Northwood area businesses have been sponsoring free movies and snacks at the Northwood Theatre, continuing today, Christmas.

Tickets to the movie, along with a small pop and popcorn, are free during these special showings.

The final free movie will be this Christmas evening at 7 p.m. "Frozen II" will be shown courtesy of Tom Capranos and WCTA.

The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Santa Claus is coming back to town

Santa Claus has been busy in the weeks before Christmas. Besides preparing for his overnight global deliveries, overseeing the making of millions of toys and reviewing some very long lists, he has also put in several personal appearances in Northwood, including weekly visits to his home away from home in Northwood's Central Park, as pictured above.

Compensation board makes recommendations, including 37.2 % increase for attorney

By Erin McCord
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The Worth County Compensation Board has made it's annual recommendations for salaries for elected officers.

The board, consisting of seven county residents, with two members appointed by the board of supervisors and the county attorney, auditor, treasurer, sheriff and recorder each appointing one member.

The board of supervisors will review and determine whether to accept the recommendations in January. The supervisors may not approve higher salaries than what is recommended by the compensation board. If the supervisors decide to reduce the amount of the recommended compensation schedule, each office will also be reduced by an equal percentage.

Deputies of the county officers can receive up to 85% of the office holders salary, making their salary increases dependent on the supervisors' acceptance of the compensation board's recommendations. All approved sal-

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Cherishing the little things during the holidays

By JoAnn Lower

The Wagner farm sits two miles south of Scarville on 80 acres of some of the richest soil in all of Winnebago County. Sten and Johanna lived a humble life. A team of horses, 30 head of Holsteins, hogs, chickens, ducks and six kids. No running water, coal and corncobs to keep them warm. Work was hard. Money was scarce. Little things meant a lot.



Sten made his way from the barn through inches of new fallen snow, a gallon of fresh warm milk in each hand. Cows bedded down for the night, he could finally relax in his favorite chair by the fire and whittle out a tune on his harmonica.

Johanna, in a sage green apron, waist-length hair tied up in a bun, wiped her brow. Cooking all day over the wood-burning cook stove was tiring, but a glance at the stack of lefse ready for her family's Christmas Day dinner brought a smile to her face. On the porch frozen lutefisk waited to be cooked the next day.

Piled high on her prettiest plate were rosettes dipped in powdered sugar and krumkake spilling over with whipped cream ready to be devoured.

It was Christmas Eve. With folded hands and bowed heads, they thanked God for this night and the special meal they had been looking forward to all year. Oyster stew, crackers, fresh homemade bread and jam and for dessert, rommegrot with melted butter, sprinkled with cinnamon sugar. "A feast fit for the king of Norway," Sten said, patting his

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Christmas Church Services

With Christmas here, many area churches will hold special services to celebrate Christ's birth. Listed below are the days and times of services at area churches.

Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice- Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m..

Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Bethel United Methodist, Manly- December 22, service and annual choir cantata, 10:30 a.m.; Christmas Eve candlelight and carols services, 5 and 10 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Elk Creek Lutheran Church- Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton- Christmas Eve candlelight service, 6:30 p.m., Christmas Day service with communion, 9:30 a.m.

Fertile Lutheran Church- Christmas Eve candlelight service, 4:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Northwood- December 22, Senior Choir Christmas Concert and candlelight service, 7 p.m.; Christmas Eve service, 4:30 p.m.; Christmas Day worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Community Christmas Dinner, 11:30 a.m.



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Christmas Greetings Section — Inside

Local businesses observe holiday hours

Northwood business owners and employees are observing special hours for the holidays, as they take part in their own celebrations. Listed below are times for each business.

Bean and Bistro is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas day, and closed New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and on January 2, 2020.

Casey's General Store closed at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will open at 10 a.m. on Christmas day. The store will be open regular hours throughout the New Year's holiday.

Fallgatter's Market closed at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and be closed on Christmas day. The local grocer will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day.

Farmers State Bank in Northwood closed at noon on Christmas Eve and be closed on Christmas day. On New Year's Eve the bank will be open from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The bank will be closed on New Year's Day.

Northwood City Hall was closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. On New Year's Eve, the City Hall will also be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and closed on New Year's Day.

Kelly Hardware will is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. The store will be closed New Year's Day.

MJ's Bar will be closed on Christmas Day, but otherwise open regular hours throughout the rest of the holidays.

NSB Bank in Northwood closed at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day. They will close at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve and be closed on New Year's Day.

R80 in Kensett is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The cafe will be closed on Christmas day and the convenience store will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On New Year's Day, the cafe will be closed and the store will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Rock-A-Billies was closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. The bar will be open from 4 p.m. until 2 a.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

Shade Tree Liquors was open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and is closed on Christmas day. The store will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Signatures Supper Club was closed on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. Signatures will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

Strike Zone will be closed on Christmas day. Strike Zone will be open on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day.

Sue's Cornerpost will be closed on Christmas day and on New Year's Day and open regular hours on New Year's Eve.

Tequila's Mexican Bar and Grill closed at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day, and will be open regular hours through the New Year's holiday.

Worth Brewing was open on Christmas Eve from 12 to 3 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day. They will be open on New Years Eve from 4 p.m.-midnight and closed New Years Day.

Ver Helst Drug closed at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day. Ver Helst will close at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and be closed on New Year's Day.

Glenville Short Stop was open on Christmas Eve until 5 p.m. and closed on Christmas day. It will be open New Year's Day until 5 p.m.

Worth County offices were closed on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day, as well as New Year's Day.

Subway in Northwood was open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on Christmas day. Subway will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

The Post Office will be closed Christmas day and New Year's Day.

The Top of Iowa Welcome Center closed at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day. It will also close at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and be closed New Year's Day.

The Northwood Anchor office was closed on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas day and New Year's Day.

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First Shell Rock Lutheran Church, Northwood - Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, Hanlontown- Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

Northwood United Methodist Church- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lyle, Minn.- Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, Northwood- Christmas Eve service at 4:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church- Christmas Eve mass, 5:30 p.m.

Silver Lake Lutheran Church- Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Bolan- Christmas Eve, evening candlelight service at 6:30 p.m.

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thin midsection.

Dishes washed, dried and put away, it was time for the opening of presents. Johanna untied her apron and pulled back loose strands of hair while the children stood anxiously waiting for her to open the parlor door that had been closed to them for days.

The crisp scent of freshly cut pine filled the room. Elmer, Leslie, Inez, Hazel, Marlys and Archie's eyes sparkled watching their mother light the candles on the Christmas tree. A magical sight.

Johanna's heart smiled. Six wrapped presents, one for each of her children, meant that 1920 had been a good year.

Christmas stockings filled with homespun mittens and stockings would keep little hands and feet warm walking to school. An apple, an orange and peanuts in the shell topped off each stocking as it hung from the fireplace.

"Time for bed," Johanna's voice sang out. "Tomorrow's Christmas Day."

"Yes, Mama," and all six trundled off to upstairs bedrooms.

Early next morning found three boys playing with their wooden train set with its red engine and black caboose. Inez paraded around in her new red dress, Marlys in her black patent leather Mary Janes. Under the tree for little Hazel was a doll, a beautiful doll with a face of porcelain wearing a white dress and crocheted bonnet.

Happy tears ran down Hazel's face. She had never seen such a beautiful doll. "Mama, would you please tell Santa how much I love the doll he left me?"

Johanna hummed a little tune as she climbed the staircase in the drafty old farmhouse to make beds. Seeing the happy surprise on Hazel's face was worth all the money she had spent at Riso's Store. The doll had taken every cent she had left.

Little Hazel carried her precious gift to the kitchen, setting it on the table so she could admire it. "Mama," she called up the stairway. "Come see my new doll. She is so pretty. She can even sit up."

Johanna came down the stairs and peeked through the kitchen door just as the doll fell backwards on the hard wooden table, shattering its pretty porcelain head.

"No, not my doll," Hazel sobbed. Johanna held her distraught daughter in her arms; both knowing there wouldn't be another doll until maybe next Christmas.

Hazel is my mother. Up until the time of her death at Christmastime in 2016, when she was nearly 100 years old, she still spoke of the porcelain doll.

She never had much money but was always grateful for little things. Tucked into her Bible are notes from my dad and lovely handwritten pages of loved ones' births, baptisms and deaths. Dozens of photo albums hold napkins from special occasions, birthday cards, pictures capturing happy times on our farm and even the first newspaper article I wrote as a high school freshman.

It's Christmas. Let's take time to remember to be grateful for little things.

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." Aesop

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aries will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

The biggest increase this year was requested by County Attorney Jeff Greve, at 37.20%, which would put his salary at $86,265. The requested increase is based on the increased hours and workload Greve will be taking on after the anticipated departure of his part-time assistant attorney, Kelsey Beenken.

Recommendations of 3.50% raises were made for the county auditor, treasurer and recorder, increasing the salary of each to $58,747.

The board recommended a 4.00% increase for the county sheriff, putting that salary at $75,173.

The board recommended no increases for the board of supervisors, who each receive $30,752, or the chairman of the board of supervisors who receives $31,252, which includes an additional $500 not subject to change by the compensation board.

The supervisors will officially receive the recommendations for review on January 2, 2020.

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Prospective candidate visits with local Republicans

By Erin McCord
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Ashley Hinson, former reporter for KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids and current two-term state representative from Marion, is looking to represent Iowa's first district in Congress.

In that vein, she made a listening stop at Northwood City Hall last Monday afternoon. Over Casey's pizza, Hinson discussed her motivations and aspirations with approximately 20 Worth County residents.

Hinson was introduced by fellow representative Jane Bloomingdale, who described her as a super researcher who "very often, all 99 of us relied on."

After sharing some information about her family and career, including her decision to move back to Iowa from California after college in order to pursue career and family.

Hinson said her number one motivation for running was to advocate for small business tax policies. She also said she is "very passionate about healthcare."

Hinson spoke proudly of her work in the state legislature, where she is a member of the transportation committee. "I think Washington could learn a lot from how we work here in Iowa," Hinson said.

During Hinson's hour long visit, she discussed a range of issues, including healthcare, taxes, ethanol, ag trade, military spending and guns.

Hinson also discussed her plan to win the nomination and then the election. She has $1 million in her campaign already, and said that while one other Republican has thrown their hat in the ring, Winneshiek County Republican Party chair Thomas Hansen, she feels she is the only legitimate candidate in the race.

Iowa caucuses are February 3. More information on the caucuses will be available in future issues of the Anchor.





Prospective candidate Ashley Hinson is shown speaking with local attorney Doug Krull, pictured at left, and being introduced by Representative Jane Bloomingdale, during a recent meet and greet at the Northwood City Hall. Hinson intends to run for Iowa's District 1 congressional seat.

WCHS held its Christmas potluck on December 17

The Worth County Historical Society held their Christmas potluck at the Worth Brewery on Tuesday, December 17, hosted by Peter Ausenhus. There was a short business meeting to wrap up 2019.

Previously at the WCHS annual meeting officers were elected president, Ann Hendrickson; vice-president, Carolyn Loftaas; secretary, Linda Nydegger and treasurer, Sharyl Nestor.

The community directors elected were Bolan – Lori Willert; Fertile – Sarah Innes; Joice – Thad Evans; Grafton – Rose Kruger; Hanlontown – Bob Michaelis; Kensett – Carolyn Loftaas; Manly – Jackie Backhaus and Northwood – Lois Hogen.

The Township directors elected were Barton – Linda Nydegger; Bristol – Thad Evans; Brookfield – Joann Brunsvold; Danville – Lois Hogen; Deer Creek – Ann Hendrickson; Fertile – Curtis Evans; Grove – Don Pangburn; Kensett – Peter Ausenhus; Lincoln – Jackie Backhaus and Union – Violet Walk.

We are in need of township directors in Hartland and Silver Lake. Contact any of the above mentioned if anyone would like to serve in those townships.

Options for Christmas tree recycling

When choosing a real Christmas tree for holiday celebrations, consumers should think about the many ways that trees can be repurposed after the holiday season. Some towns collect discarded trees to use them for various purposes. However, homeowners can get in on the action as well. The Old Farmer's Almanac offers these great ideas for post-holiday tree use.

• Prop up the tree near a bird feeder to provide another perch and shelter to birds that stick close to home in winter, such as chickadees and finches.

• String the tree with various treats for birds and put it in a sheltered location. Ideas include homemade suet, cranberries and millet.

• Mulch the tree and use it in the garden in the spring.

• Use boughs to insulate perennials in the garden.

• Keep some branches to use as kindling in a wood stove or fireplace, or as aromatic logs for next year's yule fire.

• Sink an old tree in a personal pond. Fish and tadpoles will live and lay eggs around this sheltered area.

• Collect some pine needles and sew them into fabric packets to make scented sachets for closets or drawers.

There are many imaginative ways to come up with handy uses for Christmas trees once the holiday season ends.

Don't wreck the holidays

The holiday season is known for celebrations and traditions, but it is also known for being the deadliest season when it comes to drunk and drug-impaired driving.

Iowa Law Enforcement across the state will partner with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) this holiday season to remove impaired drivers from the roads and help save lives.

From December 13, 2019, to January 1, 2020, motorists will see an increased presence of law enforcement.

As people prepare for festivities with family and friends, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau wants to remind all drivers of the dangers of driving impaired.

People have to choose a role before the celebration begins. Will they drink, use drugs or will they drive? People are reminded that, even if they have a little bit to drink, they could still be over the legal limit. Whether the drug is legally prescribed or illegal, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers, and other road users. Remember....if someone feels different, they drive different!

Sobering Statistics:

• In 2017, 45% of the drivers killed in fatal crashes who were tested for drugs, tested positive.

• According to NHTSA, 885 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver during the month of December 2017.

• Despite the fact it's illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2017, one person was killed every 48 minutes by a drunk driver on our nation's roads.

• On average, an OWI could set someone back $10,000 in attorney's fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing and more.

• The financial impact from impaired-driving crashes is devastating. Based on 2010 numbers (the most recent year for which cost data is available), impaired-driving crashes cost the United States $44 billion annually.

• From December 13, 2018, to January 1, 2019, Iowa law enforcement officers arrested 506 impaired drivers. Also during this time frame in Iowa, there were 17 fatal crashes killing 18 people. Four of these seventeen fatal crashes involved an impaired driver.

A message to celebrate with a plan:

"Always remember to plan ahead if you will be celebrating with an impairing substance. If you plan to indulge, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Call a taxi, friend or Uber! Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take the role seriously and do not partake in alcohol or any other drugs. You are saving lives!

"Cheers to not wrecking the holidays and making yours merry and bright!"

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Did you know?



By Ann Hendrickson

On December 25, 1902, National Biscuit Company introduced Animal Crackers in a box with a white string attached to hang on the Christmas tree. They were an instant success. Do you remember?

The Worth County Historical Society says a very grateful "Thank You" to anyone who contributed to reaching some of our goals this year. It was greatly appreciated. There is always more work to be done, so we look forward to another year of goal-making.

Happy Holidays to all!

"The best holiday decoration is being wreathed in smiles."

Until next time….



Christmas carols at LRH

Music is a hallmark of the holiday season brought to the Lutheran Retirement Home by Northwood-Kensett high school students who paid a visit to the Home last week to sing Christmas carols and spread some Christmas cheer to staff and residents.

Coaches vs. Cancer shirts available

Top of Iowa Conference schools will once again be combining their efforts to raise funds to fight cancer with the annual Coaches vs. Cancer events held during basketball games on Friday, January 31. Shirts are currently available that will allow those attending to show their support and raise funds.

All schools throughout the Top of Iowa Conference will be ordering shirts with the same design to show conference-wide support.

Funds raised by local orders will go to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

Available are youth and adult sizes of short and long sleeved T-shirts and crew and hooded sweatshirts.

Items may be ordered online, through January 12, 2020, at coachesvcancer.itemorder.com.

Those ordering shirts are encouraged to wear them as they attend basketball games on January 31, when additional Coaches vs. Cancer fund raisers will be held, including a baked potato and walking taco bar served by Relay For Life committee members.

Give the gift of life Jan. 3 in Manly

In the season of giving, there is no greater gift than the gift of life, with a donation of blood at the upcoming Manly Community Blood Drive.

Blood donation only takes about an hour and has a huge impact. One blood donor can save the lives of three people with a standard donation.

A Manly Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary, will be held on Friday, January 3, 2020, from 2-5:30 p.m. at Edward Tossel American Legion Post 110 banquet room, 110 E. Elmore Street.

Blood donation appointments are available online at lifeservebloodcenter.org or by contacting Joann Andera at 641-454-2451.

LifeServe Blood Center is a non-profit, community based blood center that has served the needs of local hospitals and patients in the region since 1963.

Fundraiser for Ryan family January 17

This past September, the Ryan family of Manly welcomed a new member of the family much earlier than they had anticipated, when little Bentley was born on September 21, at 28 weeks. He weighed in at 2 pounds, 12 ounces. His mom, Connie, had been in the hospital since August 13.

Bentley is still hospitalized in Des Moines, and Connie is staying in the Ronald McDonald house. The family has four other children at home with dad, Joe, in Manly.

A fundraiser to help the family with expenses will be held from 3:30-9 p.m. on Friday, January 17, during the home game between CS and Osage, where Connie is a fourth-grade teacher.

The event will include a soup supper for $5, Chuck a Duck, Free Throw Shoot, silent auction, bake sale and fill the bucket. Attendees are asked to wear red or Superman-themed attire to show support for Bentley and the Ryan family.

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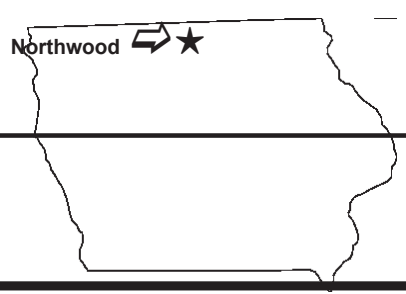
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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert

by Sandy Olson

To contact Sandy Olson for comments or suggestions, please email her at: midwestfoodie@gmail.com

Educator's Edibles is a total mystery to me. I don't know how I happened to own this book. The front cover announces it's from Flat Shoals Elementary and the flyleaf thanks various people for helping put it together. There is no indication where Flat Shoals is located and the book is old enough that it's typed, has holes punched in the side with pages and the construction paper cover is held together with oversized rings. Since the holidays are right around the corner, the following recipes are for serving at parties and the like.

Holiday Cheese Ring

1 pound shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
2 tablespoons milk, not skim
4 teaspoons black pepper (or to taste)
1/4 cup real mayonnaise, not Miracle Whip®
A dash of cayenne pepper
Strawberry preserves

In a large bowl, mix the Cheddar cheese, pecans and green onion, combining well. Add the remaining ingredients and cream together with a heavy wooden spoon until smooth. Transfer to a large round or oblong platter and with clean hands, form into a ball. Press down in the center to make a hole so the outside forms a ring. In the center hole place a small deep dish into which you spoon the strawberry preserves. Serve with crackers and a spreader so guests can place the cheese mixture and the preserves to enjoy together.

Crab and Artichoke Dip

1 can artichoke hearts, not marinated type, drained
1 can crabmeat OR 1/2 cup cooked fresh crab, picked over and shredded
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon grated onion
1/4 cup whole milk or half and half
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup sliced almonds
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Place the softened cream cheese into a mixing bowl and stir until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients except almonds and parsley, mixing well. Place in a casserole dish and sprinkle the top with the almonds and parsley. Bake at 350 degrees F. until it bubbles. Serve hot or warm.

Marinated Mushrooms

1/2 pound fresh whole white button mushrooms
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon sherry (optional)
1 teaspoon dark sesame oil
1 drop Tabasco sauce

Put the cleaned mushrooms into a large colander and pour boiling water over them. Allow the mushrooms to dry thoroughly; you can spread them on a kitchen towel in a single layer. Make a marinade with the remaining ingredients. Place mushrooms in a large bowl and pour the marinade over them. Gently toss to coat all the mushrooms. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator until ready to serve but no more than an hour or so.

NOTE: after reading this old cookbook, I Googled Flat Shoals Elementary. I found one in Conyers, Georgia, but no idea if it's the same school that put together this collection of recipes. I love a good mystery! And…that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society



A Turkey tom and a turkey mom...



Going gobble gobble gobble all the way to the Northwood-Kensett second grade, where the students learned all about the tasty feathered friends.

N-K preschoolers previously had their own chance to learn about turkeys from Naturalist Dakota Popp. Shown above is Dan Block in the second grade classroom, to the right are preschoolers checking out the turkey feet shared by Popp.



Mayo Clinic Health System match day donates funds to Salvation Army

If anyone heard lots of bells ringing on Thursday, Dec. 10, everyone can blame it on Mayo Clinic Health System employees. Match Day took place in both Albert Lea and Austin in hopes to collect funds for the Salvation Army in each community.

When it was all said and done, Austin bell ringers collected $559 while Albert Lea volunteers garnered $437. Mayo Clinic Health System committed to match up to $1,000 in both communities kettles. Even though each location wasn't able to meet that goal, Mayo Clinic Health System will donate the full amount to each community organization.

"We know how important the Salvation Army is in our communities," said Tricia Dahl, operations administrator for Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea and Austin. "The food shelf, offering emergency and utility services, along with offering meals to those in hunger and counseling services are invaluable to those looking for hope in the short term while providing hope for the future."



Kathy Leidal and Jeannie Tenold of Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea ringing the bell at Hy-Vee in Albert Lea on December 10.

Semper Fi Study Club meets Dec. 9

The latest meeting of the Semper Fi Study Club was held on Monday, December 9 at the home of Sharyl Ferley.

Nine members were present. A wonderful meal was enjoyed. Ferley served her delicious meatballs and gravy. All members brought a dish to pass.

A business meeting was held following the meal.

The Ferley home was beautifully decorated and all present had a wonderful time.

Maggie Anderson,
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Iowa 4-H delegates return from National 4-H Congress

Twenty 4-H members recently returned from Atlanta, Georgia, where they represented Iowa 4-H at National 4-H Congress November 29 through December 3.

These 20 delegates were selected by 4-H volunteers from around the state through an application and interview process as a part of state 4-H recognition day last March. The application process for this opportunity focuses on experience and proficiency in leadership and civic engagement activities.

"National 4-H Congress is a 4-H tradition that spans over 90 years," said Bonnie Dalager, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H youth program specialist. "Each year, over 900 young people from around the country travel to Atlanta to participate in educational workshops, hear from world-renowned speakers and build their 4-H network."

Jorge Boland of Linn County made the most of this opportunity. "National 4-H Congress was life-changing," he said. "I am able to be more outgoing after listening to inspiring keynote speakers, working in groups with people I didn't know and learning about what we as 4-H members can do to support our communities. The best part is that National 4-H Congress was tons of fun."

Two Worth County 4-H members attended the National 4-H Congress.

Worth County 4-H member Kelsie Kinne is the daughter of Sarah and Kevin Kinne. A seven-year 4-H member, she has participated in multiple project areas, including clothing, sewing and needle arts, welding, woodworking, and goats.

Kinne attends Central Springs High School and is a member of the student council and National Honor Society. She has been secretary and historian of her 4-H club and has participated in her county council. One of her biggest 4-H accomplishments was attending the 2019 National 4-H Conference in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Worth County 4-H member Reece Nelson is the son of Brad and Irene Nelson. A seven-year 4-H member, he has participated in communication, sheep, beef, outdoor adventures and safety in shooting sports, food and nutrition, and clothing project areas. Reece is an active member of two 4-H clubs, the Worth County council and the Worth County 4-H livestock judging team.

Nelson attends Glenville-Emmons High School and is in FFA, student council, plays the trumpet in band and enjoys playing varsity football, basketball and baseball.

Iowa 4-H delegates to National 4-H Congress enjoyed activities, including an internationally-themed banquet, a trip to the Atlanta History Center and a day of service. For the service learning activity, groups were sent to 13 area Atlanta parks, schools and nonprofits to assist with a variety of tasks, including preparing books for children overseas and teaching elementary students about agriculture.

The Iowa 4-H Foundation provided funding for Iowa's delegates to National 4-H Congress, with the support of donors, including Iowa Farm Bureau and Iowa Pork.

More information on how to apply for National 4-H Congress through state 4-H recognition day, is available by contacting ISU Extension and Outreach county offices or visiting the Iowa 4-H website at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h.

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Sunday, Worship, 8:30 a.m. at Lake Mills
David Emmons, Pastor

First Shell Rock
Sunday, Worship service, 10:45 a.m.
David Emmons, Pastor

Deer Creek Valley Lutheran
Glenville, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Myrtle, MN
Sunday, Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - London Independent
Sunday, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. Followed by Coffee Hour.
Pastor Kent Otterman

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Lydia J. Mittag, Pastor

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Barbara M. Wills, Pastor

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Pastor Cory Allard

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Wednesday, Christmas Day Service, 10:30 a.m., Christmas Day Dinner, 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, Quilting, 8:30 p.m., Prayer Group, FOCUS Assembly, 9 a.m., Taekwondo, Bible Art Journaling, 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Sr. High Youth, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Carols & Lessons, 9 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, 10 a.m., No Sunday School, Council Christmas Party, Jr. High Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Monday Youth, 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Staff Meeting, 11 a.m., Jr. High Lock-in, 4:30 p.m., AA-AL-Anon, 7:30 p.m.
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Pastor Tom Martin

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly
Wednesday, Supper, 5:34 p.m., Thanksgiving Worship at Grace includes Confirmation and WAGS, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Men's Group Breakfast at Bethlehem, 8 a.m.; Sunday, Worship - G, Bible Study - B, 9 a.m., Sunday School - B, 9:15 a.m., Worship - B, 10:30 a.m.
Linda Johnson Prestholt, Pastor

Northwood United Methodist Church
Sunday, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship, 11:45 a.m.
Rev. Rob Lanphere

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton
Sunday, Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, Fellowship & Coffee, 10:30 a.m.
Solveig A H Zamzow, Pastor

Bethany Lutheran, Joice

One In Christ
Sunday, Worship - Bethany, 9 a.m.

Silver Lake Lutheran, Northwood

One In Christ
Sunday, Worship, 11 a.m.

Northwood Baptist Church
Sunday, No Worship Service
Pastor Wolfe

Otranto Community Church
Worship Service, 9:30 p.m.
Ron Hulshizer - Lay Minister

Deer Creek Lutheran Church, Carpenter
Sunday, Sunday School, 9 a.m., Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Lance Kittleson, Pastor

Bethel United Methodist, Manly, Iowa
Sunday, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m., Coffee & Fellowship, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Cory Allard

One In Christ Lutheran Parish
Wednesday, Christmas Day Worship - Winnebago, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship - Bethany/Silver Lake, 9 a.m., Worship - Immanuel/Lunder/Winnebago, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Forest City Neighborhood Food Bank, 1-4 p.m., Lake Mills Food Bank, 2-5 p.m.

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Now that Christmas has finally arrived, we might be thinking "what next?" While many of us are probably looking forward to the New Year and getting back into the "swing of things," perhaps we should pause and reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Christmas, of course, means many things to many people, and in truth it is so full of meaning that it is no exaggeration to say that it means something different to everyone. But at its most fundamental level, Christmas is an expression of God's love for us: "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10 NIV) What better expression of God's love than a tiny baby, completely helpless, and born under trying circumstances, but loved and nurtured by caring parents so that he might grow up and fulfill his mission, which is to show us how to love one another, as God has loved us. The message of Christmas is love. Consider how you might spread that message, now and in the year to come, and for the rest of your life. –Christopher Simon

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." – 1 John 4:11-12 NIV

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

December 24, 1919

The Whitcomb brothers, Herschel and Roy, well known in Northwood, have purchased the garage business located in the Berg building, which for the past year has been conducted by Eckert and Gabby Bros.

About 25 cattle burned to death in the barn of the Bliss farm, four miles east of Northwood, when fire destroyed the building Sunday night or early Monday morning. A. L. Smith lives on the place.

John Orman, on his way to Northwood from a hunting trip west of town Monday afternoon, found the dead body of B.A. Krogh, of this city, lying in the snow on the farm of O.H. Hove. Examination of the badly failed to disclose any wounds or apparent cause of death other than sudden failure of the heart.

Beginning with the turning on of the light and power Monday, the local electric company resumed the 24 hours service and candles and kerosene lamps are again hidden away in closets and store rooms

The Boy Scout basketball team went to Mason City Friday afternoon where they played basketball with Mason City's Troop 7. The score was 31 to 42 in favor of Mason City. Northwood team members were Tenold, Talle, McQuatters, Huus, E. Berg and Johnson and Perry as subs. Scoutmaster Robertson and acting assistant Skjeveland with scouts Hanscom, J. Berg and Leonard Olson accompanied the team.

75 years ago

December 28, 1944

Tentative plans call for the opening of the Northwood youth center on the second floor of the city hall next Wednesday evening. A student council has been set up by the young people with Miss Rachel Miller as president. The place will be known as "The Attic," according to Miss Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Aage Eskildsen of Deer Creek township breathed a little more easily this week and faced the new year with a little greater degree of happiness. They received a letter Tuesday from their son Leo who is a prisoner of the Japanese, the first they have heard directly from him in a year.

Temperatures of zero or lower were recorded in Northwood each day during the past week, and the minus 13 reading of Tuesday morning was the second lowest reading of the entire year to date. Lowest for the year is 15 below zero recorded on February 12. Decorah, with 22 below zero, was Iowa's coldest spot Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Ernest Rieck, 72, died on Sunday, Dec. 17, at her home in Grafton following an accident which she suffered nearly two weeks earlier when she slipped and fell at the Rieck home while entering the family automobile, and injured her head.

Miss Wanda Anderson, cadet nurse at the Lutheran hospital in Moline, Illinois, came Sunday morning and remained at her home here until Wednesday noon. Her father, Peder Anderson, who is employed in St. Paul, was at home from Saturday night to Tuesday.

50 years ago

December 25, 1969

Kenneth Logemann, 32, Deer Creek township farmer and lifelong resident of Worth County, was selected as Republican candidate for Representative in the Iowa house by a joint meeting of Worth and Winnebago County Republicans Thursday night in Lake Mills. He was one of five candidates for nomination. The convention was made up of 14 delegates from Worth County and 20 delegates from Winnebago County. He was named on the first ballot.

A total of $5,720,000 of your tax money will be spent in Worth County during the next five years, all in the construction of Interstate-35. The entire interstate will be completed through Worth County and north Iowa by 1973. It had originally been scheduled to be completed in 1972.

Members of the Northwood Lions Club observed the 40th anniversary of the organization last week at a party held at the United Methodist church. The folks that attended this party were Myrl Stahl, secretary and Mrs. Stahl; Paul Johnson, Aplington, a charter member of the club and Mrs. Johnson; Mrs. Francis Peterson and Francis Peterson, president; Dick Waugh, Hampton, District Governor, and Mrs. Waugh and Dean Moore, secretary of Iowa Lions. Mr. Moore was the featured speaker of the evening.

Charles Hall vs. Harold Diles and Idella Nicholas Dukes, Eastman Grain Co., and Farmers Co-op Elevator. Seeks judgment for $4,245.83 and interest for services.

25 years ago

December 28, 1994

Northwood volunteer firemen Roger Harris and Dan Low stood ready to train the high-pressure hose on the former Hanson TV Sales and Service building in downtown Northwood last Friday morning. The two firemen never had to open the hose as the fire remained confined to the inside of the building.

The Worth County board of supervisors approved a $4.9 million county budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year, a .78 percent increase over the previous year's budget. The budget included five percent pay raises for the sheriff and county attorney and three percent raises for other elected county officials.

Worth County treasurer-elect Helen Senne poured a cup of coffee for out-going treasurer Jim Hanson as former county deputy treasurer Arlene Van Sabben looked on last Friday during Hanson's retirement party. Hanson, who has served as county treasurer for the past 20 years, plans to spend some of his spare time with his children and grandchildren.

Northwood-Kensett first graders showed off the more than 300 pounds of canned goods they and other N-K elementary school pupils collected as their Christmas contribution to Manna of Worth County. Students from the first grade that helped were Brooke Nodtvedt, Jed Schnulle and Matt Midtgaard, Ashley Ann Fredericks, and Laura Bauer. The food was to be distributed to needy families throughout the country in time for the holidays.

10 years ago

December 23, 2009

Three-year-old Chloe Wright visited with Santa Claus earlier this month, when he showed up at the Northwood Chamber of Commerce Soup Luncheon. Chloe had a long wish list for Santa, including, of course, lots of toys. She is the daughter of Earl and Shellee Wright of rural Northwood. The children expect Santa Claus to deliver on their requests by Friday morning.

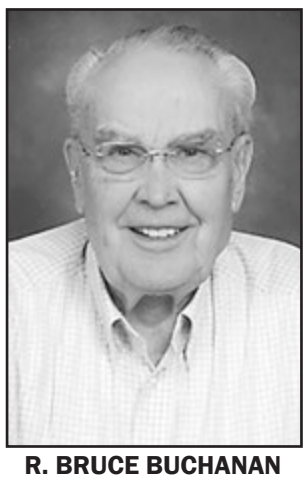
Last Thursday, students in Northwood-Kensett elementary classes took part in their monthly day of reading and activities dedicated to a special theme. This month that theme was "Slip into a Comfortable Book." For students in Mrs. Hanson's kindergarten and Mrs. Myhre's first grade classes this meant sitting together reading, adorned in slippers and enjoying hot chocolate.

Tom Clagett, son of Steve and Mary Clagett, has been awarded the 2009 Craig Sailor Memorial Scholarship in the Iowa State Cyclone Marching Band. The award is chosen by the music faculty at ISU and presented to a student who shows outstanding leadership.

Bryn Bestul and Donnie Pangburn were married at the First Lutheran Church on December 29, 1984, and will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this month. Both are graduates of Northwood-Kensett. They have three adult children, Nigel Millard, Grayson and Paige Pangburn, and Peyton, age eight.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

R. Bruce Buchanan



R. BRUCE BUCHANAN

A memorial service for R. Bruce Buchanan will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, at Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home. Visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. on Friday, December 27, at Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home and for one hour prior to services.

R. Bruce Buchanan was born on May 11, 1923, on his family's farm near Gordonsville, Minnesota, to S. Ross and Mabel (Gullickson) Buchanan. On March 18, 1944, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Rhoades at the United Methodist Church in Glenville. The couple made their home on the family farm.

Bruce passed away on Sunday, December 8, 2019, having lived to reach the age of 96.

Bruce was a member of United Methodist Church in Gordonsville, where he volunteered for all church positions. When the Gordonville church closed, he joined the United Methodist Church in Albert Lea.

Bruce and Dorothy were marriage enrichment leaders for 22 years, touching many lives. He also volunteered at St. John's Lutheran Home, sharing his many woodworking skills. After retiring from farming, Bruce started his woodworking passion. He made many projects over the years and enjoyed giving them as gifts to family and friends. Many hours were spent working on puzzles and playing cards.

Bruce is survived by his sons, Ron (Sharon), Paul (Renee'), Gary (Val) and daughter Laurie Sistek; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; his parents; brother, Wilbur Buchanan; sisters, Arcley Johnson and Arlene Olson.

Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009191

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WINONA C. HENNIGAR, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Winona C. Hennigar, Deceased, who died on or about December 13, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on the December 19, 2019, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated December 18, 2019.

Amy Hennigar
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Administrator of the Estate

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Attorney for Executor

Date of second publication the 1st day of January, 2020. 52-2t

Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009190

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUELLA M. PAGEL, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Luella M. Pagel, Deceased, who died on or about December 14, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on the December 17, 2019, the last will and testament of Luella M. Pagel, deceased, bearing date of August 25, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Larry G. Pagel was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated December 17, 2019.

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Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WORTH COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR009189

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE G. CHARLSON, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Alice G. Charlson, Deceased, who died on or about December 8, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on the December 17, 2019, the last will and testament of Alice G. Charlson, deceased, bearing date of July 22, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Waldren Charlson; Sandra Phillips were appointed executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated December 17, 2019.

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Executor of Estate

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Executor of the Estate

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Northwood Anchor Opinion

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

DEAR EDITOR:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, “If you see it in THE SUN it's so.”

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

I'd love to buy a new car, so I'm taking vitamins each day.

What do vitamins have to do with buying a new car?

They might help me live long enough to be able to afford a new car.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor, named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me, such as: I had been a guest. I'd eaten an ample sufficiency. The TV was on low volume, showing some sort of national dog show. I glanced at it occasionally. I noticed that none of the dogs featured were breeds we'd ever had on the farm. I heard music coming from another part of the building. It was barking dogs woofing out "Jingle Bells." None of that seemed all that special to me. It should have. My grandparents would have considered such occurrences a magic carpet ride.

I get excited about Christmas each year. I look forward to it, but I can't help but look back at Christmases past. As a boy, I got brown bags from the school, the church and the city each Christmas. It was a big deal. I got the same brown bag of goodies at each place. Each bag contained a red delicious apple that wasn't delicious, aged peanuts in the shell, ribbon candy that was so hard they used any leftovers to fill the potholes in the street, and another hard candy, with a Christmas tree icon on each piece, that was like chewing marbles. It sounds dreadful, doesn't it? It wasn't. It was wonderful.

The poppy queen

Annie was my hometown's poppy queen. She must have set sales records. After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left from the war. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle after the publication of the poem “In Flanders Fields.” In 1920, the poppy became the official flower to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of the American Legion. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support veterans and active military personnel.

Annie lurked in the post office, waiting for unsuspecting prey. I visited the post office six mornings a week. Annie sold me a poppy day after day because I was too stupid to wear the poppy she'd sold me the day before. She didn't request a donation each time. She demanded one. I'd protest that I'd just bought a poppy from her yesterday. Annie asked why I wasn't wearing it and then sold me another. One morning, I awoke with a goal. I wasn't going to buy another poppy from Annie. I put five of them on my shirt and one on my necktie. I was a living poppy tree. I walked into the post office with great confidence in each stride. Annie wasn't there.

Ask Al

"What would you say to a new resident of your neighborhood?" Hello.

"How would you describe a small town?" If it's big enough to have a 4-way stop intersection and it has two cars stopped at signs, each driver will be encouraging the other to go first.

"You are a tall guy. What have you found to be the easiest way to take off your socks?" I sneeze them off.

Nature notes

Folklore says that if you have a bird nest in your Christmas tree, your family will experience health, wealth and happiness in the coming year. Birds don't nest at Christmas. Use an artificial nest for your tree as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act makes it illegal to take, possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase, barter, or offer for sale, purchase, or barter, any migratory bird, or the parts, nests, or eggs of such a bird except under the terms of a valid Federal permit.

Raccoons winter in places like tree cavities, animal burrows, abandoned buildings, chimneys and rock crevices. They stay in their dens and sleep lightly during bad weather. When temperatures and weather improve, they're out looking for food. They eat as much as possible in the fall, in order to build an extra layer of fat. They don’t hibernate, but hole up in dens during the nastiest winter days and are capable of sleeping for long periods of time. Raccoons are typically solitary creatures, but sometimes den in groups during cold weather.

Meeting adjourned

“Remember, this December, love weighs more than gold.”—Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon

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Fit to print...

Some origins of Christmas traditions

Caroling

Caroling and Christmas caroling are two different things. According to History.org, the origins of modern Christmas caroling can be traced to wassailing.

Time magazine notes that the word “wassail,” which appeared in English literature as early as the eighth century, came to mean the wishing of good fortune on one’s neighbors.

During medieval times, farmers in certain parts of Britain would drink a beverage to toast the health of their crops and encourage the fertility of their animals. By 1600, farmers in some parts of Britain were taking a wassail bowl filled with a toasting beverage around the streets. These wassailers would stop by neighboring homes and offer a warm drink while wishing good fortune on their neighbors.

During this period, wassailing had nothing to do with Christmas, but that began to change in Victorian England, when Christmas became more commercialized and popular. It was during this time when publishers began circulating carols, forever linking the tradition of wassailing with Christmas.

Rudolph

Adults and children alike are familiar with the tale of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

Popularized by the song written by Johnny Marks and sung by Gene Autry, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer dates back to 1939. A copywriter named Robert L. May created the story of the misfit reindeer in 1939 when working for Montgomery Ward. The retail giant was producing marketing coloring books and wanted to come up with a clever character.

Although Rudolph is now beloved, May’s original ideas included Rollo and Reginald. Also, Rudolph’s red nose almost didn’t come to be. Because a red nose at the time was viewed as a sign of alcoholism, Montgomery Ward was hesitant to be on board with the bulbous, red snoot. A blue nose was considered, but later changed. In its first year of publication, Montgomery Ward had distributed 2.4 million copies of Rudolph’s story.

The catchy tune came thereafter, followed by a cartoon short in 1948. In 1964, the stop-motion animated television special further propelled Rudolph to celebrity and became the most recognizable Rudolph adaption.

Christmas stockings

The Christmas stockings of today may be a byproduct of various traditions.

One such tradition dates back to a Dutch custom in which children would leave shoes full of food to feed St. Nicholas’ donkeys, and then he would leave small gifts in return.

Another origin of Christmas stockings can be traced to the 12th century, when nuns would leave socks full of nuts, fruit and tangerines for the poor. This is why some people still put tangerines in Christmas stockings.

An alternative source for the orange in the stocking also exists. According to Smithsonian.com, a father was struggling to make ends meet and was concerned that his financial struggles would affect his three daughters’ ability to find a spouse. As the legend goes, St. Nick was wandering through the man’s town and heard of his concerns. Recognizing that the man was unlikely to accept charity, St. Nicholas slid down the chimney and placed three gold balls in the girls’ recently laundered stockings, which were hanging by the fire to dry. The value of the gold balls was enough to ensure the girls could eventually wed. Those who wanted to replicate the tale could not provide gold balls, so they chose something similar in appearance: oranges.

Christmas tree

The use of evergreen trees predates Christmas and is associated with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which celebrated the agricultural god Saturn with partying and gift-giving. During the winter solstice, green branches served as a reminder that spring would arrive anew. Germans are credited with first bringing evergreens into their homes and decorating them.

Santa Claus

Santa Claus’ origin story can be traced to St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop who lived during the fourth century. St. Nicholas was very generous and gave away his fortune to help the needy. He also did various other good deeds. St. Nicholas became infamous and became known by various names around the world. The Dutch called him Sinter Klaas, which was eventually transformed to Santa Claus. The jolly persona came later when 20th century advertisers — especially the artists for Coca-Cola ads — portrayed Santa in a red suit with a big smile.

Mistletoe

Mistletoe is hung in doorways, and those beneath are encouraged to share a kiss. The tradition of hanging it in the house goes back to the ancient Druids. Mistletoe was thought to bring good luck to a household and ward off evil spirits. The custom of kissing under mistletoe can be traced to England. Originally, a berry was picked from the sprig of mistletoe before the person could be kissed. When all the berries had gone, there could be no more kissing.

Effective, cost effective and safe uses of farm chemicals focuses of annual crop clinic

ISU Extension and Outreach offices in Worth and Cerro Gordo counties once again presented a program featuring Extension experts, offering information and advice on the previous and coming seasons as a part of the 2020 Corn and Soybean Clinic on December 13 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly.

The day opened with training necessary for those that want to be certified to use pesticides as a part of their agricultural operations, led by field agronomist Angie Rieck-Hinz.

Rieck-Hinz first shared the requirements for training those that work on the farm. She noted that those farmers that hire people outside of their family must provide safety training, while the same is not necessary for family members. She added that, family or not, all those using pesticides are required to follow directions and safety measures listed on labels.

That includes requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE), which ranges from basic protection, such as long sleeves, pants, socks, shoes and chemical resistant gloves; to coveralls; to full chemical resistant suits with breathing apparatus.

Rieck-Hinz said that no matter how expensive, those working with pesticides are required to use PPE as prescribed, and, as such, when farmers are preparing for the year ahead, the correct PPE should be among the items they order.

Rieck-Hinz also noted that the same label preparations come with seed that has been pre-treated with chemicals. However, in some cases the label is not included with the seed, and to be prepared, farmers should ask for the label information or look up the label themselves to safely handle the seed.

Another topic for those seeking pesticide handling recertification was the chemical's impact on wildlife and conservation.



Field agronomist Meaghan Anderson discussed weed management, focusing on troubling trends for waterhemp.



Cropping systems agronomist Mark Licht shared some cost considerations for farmers in the coming year.



Field agronomist Angie Rieck-Hinz discussed some of the important safety considerations as she led the private pesticide recertification portion of the corn and soybean clinic.

Rieck-Hinz noted that in some areas, farmers are required to check if their use of pesticides or herbicides might impact a plant or animal species that is endangered.

Another potential hazard comes from the containers once pesticides and herbicide are used as well as unused chemicals.

Rieck-Hinz shared that Iowans do well in this regard, as the #1 state in the Midwest for recycled pesticide containers.

Rieck-Hinz shared several resources that those in attendance could use to find places to recycle both containers and unused chemicals. She also said that Extension offices can provide additional information on where to go.

Rieck-Hinz also shared some of the places where those containers may end up. That includes tile drains, pots for plants and benches.

The final topic of Rieck-Hinz's presentation was being prepared should a spill occur. She said that farmers should be aware of the Local Emergency Planning Committee or emergency management personnel in their community that would handle such a situation. In such an event, she said that the first calls a farmer should make would be to local law enforcement and the Iowa DNR.

Rieck-Hinz also shared that the website, cdms.net, is a resource where anyone can look up any label and find sheets of safety data on those chemicals.

Next to speak was Meaghan Anderson, also an Extension field agronomist, serving central Iowa. Anderson was on hand to discuss weed management, with an update on an increased problem posed by waterhemp, a threat for soybean crops.

Anderson presented an alarming trend for waterhemp, noting that in some areas the weed has becoming resistant to multiple herbicides, and in some cases that is occurring where those herbicides have not been applied.

Anderson discussed things to consider for farmers when it comes to maximizing the effectiveness of weed treatment, whether that be before or after they become an issue.

She noted the importance of using residual herbicides in treating weeds developing herbicide resistance, and selecting the correct ones to maximize the impact on waterhemp.

Anderson also shared advice on how to better control the weed with follow up post emergence methods.

Anderson's presentation also offered a number of specific chemicals that farmers can look to for weed control in the coming year.

Anderson's discussion tied into the next speaker's presentation, as Extension Cropping System Agronomist Mark Licht discussed herbicides, along with other costs of doing business and how those can be effectively managed.

Licht focused on portions of farming costs that can be controlled and mitigated when yields and prices may force farmers to pinch pennies.

The start for Licht was choosing the most cost effective seed options. He noted that the cost of choosing potentially unnecessary genetics and treatments on seeds may not be a sound investment if they don't actually impact yields, or may not be necessary depending on when a seed is planted.

Another consideration mentioned by Licht is the cost of fertilizer, based on when it is purchased and applied. He noted that fertilizer may be less expensive late in the season, and the higher cost for earlier application may not result in the increased results that would offset the extra cost.

One additional cost Licht advised was soil testing, particularly to determine the levels of potassium and phosphorous. He said the cost of the testing

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could be offset by knowing exactly how much fertilizer to buy for any specific portion of a field.

For herbicide, pesticide and insecticide costs, Licht said that the number one thing to do to better manage expenses is to scout fields to see how much cost of control is necessary.

That said, Licht noted that when herbicide treatment is needed, farmers shouldn't skimp, and should apply the rate as labeled and use residuals to maintain control.

When it comes to insecticide, Licht said scouting provides a guide for farmers to help know when they're approaching the threshold at which the cost of the chemical outweighs the negative impact of the damage done by the pest. He also noted that there would be a point at which the damage has been done and the chemical costs would not be an effective investment on a crop that is too far gone.

Similarly with fungicides, Licht said that farmers should look ahead and decide where the break even point is for the cost of the chemical vs. the return on investment.

With the knowledge gained, Worth County Extension Education Specialist Dennis Johnson introduced and thanked the program's sponsors before thanking everyone for coming and inviting them to enjoy a free meal.





Those getting their private pesticide recertification at the Corn and Soybean Clinic received help from Extension staff before filling out the necessary forms.



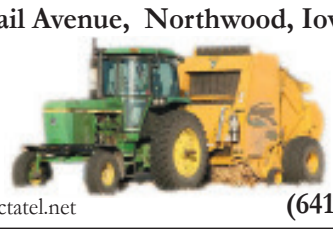
Sarah DeBour, Cerro Gordo County Extension director, welcomed everyone to the crop clinic Friday morning.



Worth County Extension education specialist Dennis Johnson shared one of his trademark jokes before introducing the Corn and Soybean Clinic's sponsors.


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NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHWOOD-KENSETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Northwood-Kensett Community School District, in the County of Worth, State of Iowa, will hold a hearing upon its Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program. The hearing will be held in the Secondary Media Center, 704 North 7th Street, Northwood, Iowa 50459, on January 9, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors is considering continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa, for a period of five years, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year will be determined annually by the Board of Directors, and will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa, as a budget adjustment for the budget year.

Moneys received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for any general fund purpose.

The Instructional Support Program shall be funded by instructional support state aid and a combination instructional support property tax levied annually upon the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and an instructional support income surtax imposed annually, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each budget year to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31, 2020, and each year thereafter.

NORTHWOOD-KENSETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Debra S. Athey
Secretary of the Board of Directors

Supervisors

December 16, 2019
Fiftieth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone and Ken Abrams present.

Smeby led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Smeby called the Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Smeby, Stone and Abrams. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the December 9, 2019 board minutes.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the December 16, 2019 board agenda.

Motion by Stone, second by Abrams, carried to approve claims in the amount of $10,902.23 as per the following schedule:

Visa,
Service-DAP $2,045.06
Peterson Contractors Inc,
Project-ENG $8,857.17
Grand Total.... $10,902.23

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve Resolution #2019.12.16:

R E S O L U T I O N 2019.12.16

TRANSITION CSS TO ONE EMPLOYER

WHEREAS, the County Social Services Mental Health and Disability Services (CSS) Region Board of Directors decide to consolidate into one employer of record January 1, 2020,

WHEREAS, Worth County is a member of the County Social Services Intergovernmental Agreement (28E) Section II Purposes, joint venture between counties established for the following reasons:

(a) To efficiently and effectively provide the Mental Health & Disability Services mandated under sections 331.388 through 331.398 of the 2013 Code of Iowa for member counties. CSS may also provide other social services including but not limited to Medicaid Targeted Case Management, general assistance, children services, substance abuse services and any county funded social service program or county function as contracted from member counties.

(b) To cooperate with local, State and Federal human services agencies in providing an equitable social service safety net for individuals adversely impacted by disabilities across the region.

(c) To engage such employees and to provide offices, equipment, machinery, buildings and grounds as are necessary to adequately perform the functions of CSS.

(d) To contract with member cities, towns, counties, public or private persons, State agencies, firms and/or corporations for the provision of social services.

(e) To collect payment for such services.

(f) To receive and expend State, Federal, local and private grants and other monies which may be made available to the extent permissible under applicable State and Federal laws and under the rules hereinafter set forth, and as provided by bylaws pursuant hereto.

(g) To engage in any other related activity in which an Iowa 28E organization may lawfully engage.

WHEREAS, the County Social Services Intergovernmental Agreement (28E) Section III Organization (j), d, viii. Employ or contract with persons or entities (including contracting with member counties for member county employees to provide services to County Social Services) to staff the needs of County Social Services; however, the terms of all employment or contracts for staff shall be approved by the County Social Services Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Worth County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the resolution and has no assets to transfer to County Social services.

Roll call vote: Ayes: None; Nays: Abrams, Stone, Smeby; Abstentions: None. Resolution 2019.12.16 failed.

Motion by Stone, second by Abrams, carried to approve clerk of court's monthly report.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to approve the Class E Liquor License for Kum & Go #119.

Motion by Abrams, second by Stone, carried to adjourn at 9:14 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, December 23, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor
Mark Smeby
Chairperson

Bolan

On Monday evening Joe and Linda Nydegger and Lori Willert attended the Christmas Holiday Concerts at NRHEG (New Richland, Hartland, Ellendale and Geneva) Middle School in New Richland. Larry and Michele Nydegger's children took part.

Daniel is a junior and plays trumpet in the Jazz Band and Concert Band. Evelyn is in eighth grade and plays bass clarinet in the junior high band.

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On the way to caroling

On their way to make spirits merry and bright at the Lutheran Retirement Home last week, choir teacher Nikkole Koenig (left) and her grade 5-6 students stopped to pose for a selfie. The residents of LRH no doubt mirrored the enthusiasm of the students when they arrived to share some holiday carols. "The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear."



Superintendent Santa Claus

There was an unexpected guest at the Northwood-Kensett Elementary school last week. Despite no chimneys to be found, a jolly gentleman paid a visit to students on his way back north. The staff also enjoyed his visits, with the exception of superintendent Mike Crozier, who was mysteriously absent at the time.



Tess the halls

Tess, the office kitten at the Northwood Anchor, never ceases to delight and amaze Anchor staff and visitors. She was peaking through the garland as newspapers were labeled this past week.



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